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Applicants hereby request an update as to the status of this pending patent application. The history of the prosecution of this patent application is set forth in the following paragraph.

The claims in this application were found to be allowable in June 2000, prosecution was suspended June 15, 2000 due to a potential interference. On July 17, 2001, U.S. Patent No. 6,261,836 B1 claiming subject matter similar to that of Applicants allowed claims was issued to Geron Corp. In a telephone conversation between the undersigned attorney for Applicants and Examiner G. Bugaisky on April 3, 2002, Examiner Bugaisky indicated that an official action for the subject patent application would be issued shortly. To date, no such official action has been received.

In the interest of advancing the prosecution of this patent application, Applicants would appreciate receiving a written status report from the USPTO as soon as practicable.

Thank you.

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